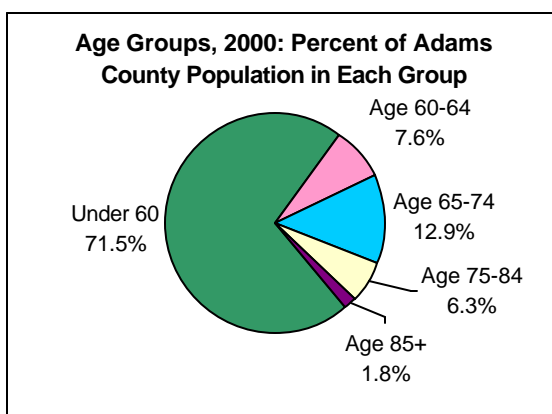

Adams County's Older Population

A summary of data from the U.S. Census, 2000

Population:

The proportion of people age 65 and older in Adams County is much higher than that of the state as a whole (20.9% versus 13.1%). The rate of growth in the older population since 1990 has been much faster in this county than in the state as a whole (28.6% versus 7.9%). In all, 3,903 people in this county are age 65 or older, and 327 of these are age 85 or older. Adams County's average (or median) age is 44.5 years, compared to a statewide median of 36.0 years.

Adams County: Population and Change Since 1990						
	2000 Census		1990 Census		Change: 1990-2000	
	Number	% of Total	Number	% of Total	Number	% Change
Total, All Ages	18,643		15,682		2,961	18.9%
Persons 60 and over	5,320	28.5%	4,234	27.0%	1,086	25.6%
Persons 65 and over	3,903	20.9%	3,034	19.3%	869	28.6%
Persons 85 and over	327	1.8%	214	1.4%	113	52.8%



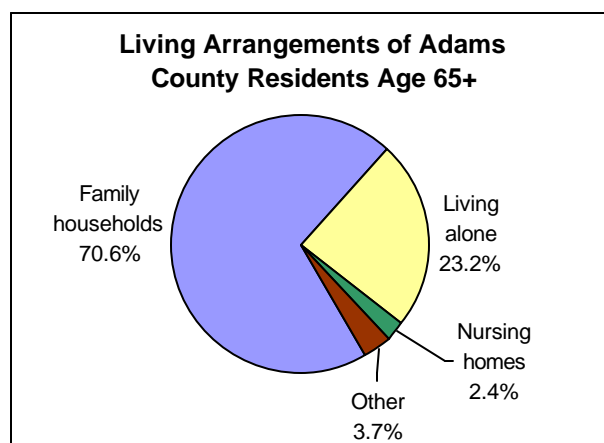
Race:

A large majority (99.2%) of Adams County's 65 and over population is white. On average, the county's minority groups are younger than whites. Adams County African Americans have a median age of 32.5 years, and the median age of Hispanics/Latinos here is 21.0 years. Whites, in contrast, average 44.9 years.

Living Arrangements:

Of the 7,900 households in Adams County, 2,671 include at least one person age 65 or older (33.8% of all households). A total of 2,492 housing units in the county have a "household head" aged 65 or older, and 90.3% of these are owner occupied (the rest are rented).

A majority (70.6%) of the older population lives in "family households" containing at least two people related by blood or marriage, but another 23.2% of people 65 or older live alone. Of those older people in family households, 2.8% are living in the home of one of their children. A total of 95 people age 65 and older live in Adams County nursing homes (2.4% of all those in this age group). A very small number of the county's older residents live in nonfamily households or in other institutions.



SOURCE: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000, Summary File 1.

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